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Docket No. 12073-0004

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Yoshiaki SHIMIZU

Serial No.: 10/743,383

Filed: December 23, 2003

Examiner: Lazorcik, J.

Art Unit: 1791

For: Method for Processing a Preform for Optical Fiber Using a Burner System (as amended)

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

• In response to the Office Action of January 15, 2008, a petition for a three month extension of time is made. Payment is addressed at the end of this filing. Please amend the application as follows.

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